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## eFOIA Request Received

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## Agreement to Pay

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**How you will pay**

I am requesting a fee waiver for my request and have reviewed the FOIA reference guide. If my fee waiver is denied, I am willing to pay additional fees and will enter that maximum amount in the box below.

**Allow up to \$**

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## Proof Of Affiliation for Fee Waiver

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**Waiver Explanation**

FOIA provides that any fees associated with a request are waived if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. 5 U.S.C. Â§ 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

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In addition to satisfying the requirements for a waiver of fees associated with the search and processing of records, we are entitled to a waiver of all fees except reasonable standard charges for document duplication. 5 U.S.C. Â§ 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II). Federal law mandates that fees be limited to document duplication costs for any requester that qualifies as a representative of the news media. Id. Lawfare is a news media organization that gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience. Nat'l Sec. Archive v. Dep't of Defense, 880 F.2d 1381, 1387 (D.C. Cir. 1989). We intend to give the public access to documents transmitted via FOIA on our website, <https://www.lawfareblog.com>, and to provide information about and analysis of those documents as appropriate.

**Documentation Files**

## Non-Individual FOIA Request

### Request Information

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. Â§ 552, we hereby request that your office produce the following records within 20 business days:

1. Any documents reflecting the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Field Office and Headquarters Climate Survey for 2019.

We understand that this survey is generally administered between February and March of each year. You have disclosed the results of prior climate surveys at <https://vault.fbi.gov/>. We are requesting the same types of documents for the 2019 survey.

We also request any records describing the processing of this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request. If your agency uses FOIA questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches, we also request any such records prepared in connection with the processing of this request. If you make a determination that any responsive record, or any segment within a record, is exempt from disclosure, we ask that you provide an index of those records at the time you transmit all other responsive records. In the index, please include a description of the record and the reason for exclusion with respect to each individual exempt record or exempt portion of a record, as provided by Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). When you deem a portion of a record exempt, we ask that the remainder of the record to be provided, as required by 5 U.S.C. Â§Â§ 552(a)(8)(A)(ii) & 552(b).

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**Expedite Reason**

FOIA provides for expedited processing where a requestor "demonstrates a compelling need." 5 U.S.C. Â§ 552(a)(6)(E)(i). It defines "compelling need" to include situations where a "request [is] made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information" and there exists an "urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity." Id. Â§ 552(a)(6)(E)(v).

Lawfare is an organization primarily engaged in the dissemination of information. This request seeks information providing a current snapshot of views and morale at the FBI that will be invaluable in informing the public on the effectiveness of leadership practices there. If this information is not disclosed in an urgent fashion, then it will not be able to inform possible changes in public views and associated policies towards the FBI.

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Upon receipt of your FOIPA request number, you may check the status of your FOIPA request on the FBI's electronic FOIA Library (The Vault) on the FBI's public website, <http://vault.fbi.gov> by clicking on the "Check Status of Your FOIPA Request" link. Status updates are performed on a weekly basis. If you receive a comment that your FOIPA request number was not located in the database, please check back at a later date.